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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN MODIFICATION UNDER THE COLORADO HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS

Facility:

Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

P.O. Box 928

Golden, CO 80402-0928

State RCRA Permit No. 97-05-30-01

EPA ID. No.

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division), has reviewed a proposed closure plan modification for the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) operated by the United States Department of Energy (DOE), and its integrating management contractor Kaiser-Hill, L.L.C. The original closure plan was approved by the Division on January 8, 1998. The draft closure plan modification is being released for public review and comment by the Division in accordance with its authority under the Colorado Hazardous Waste Act, C.R.S. 25-15-301-313 (1992), and the regulations thereunder.

RFETS is a government-owned and contractor-operated facility. The site was once involved in fabricating components from plutonium, uranium, beryllium, and stainless steel. RFETS production activities included metal fabrication and assembly, chemical recovery, and purification of process-produced transuranic (TRU) radionuclides. During the production activities, hazardous wastes were generated as classified under the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations (CHWR).

The closure plan addresses partial closure of the Process Waste System (RCRA Unit 40) associated with Building 123. Operation of the process waste system in Building 123 began in 1952 in the east and central wings. An extension to the east wing was added in 1968, and the west wing was added in 1972. The Building 123 portion of Unit 40 consists of pipelines and sumps constructed to transport and temporarily store process wastes. This closure plan modification proposes deferral of under building contamination and soil remediation to the environmental remediation program in accordance with the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement.

This notice invites any interested person to submit written comments on the closure plan modifications from June 1, 1998 through July 1, 1998. During the public comment period any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

The public is obligated to raise issues and provide information during the public comment period in accordance with 6 CCR 1007-3, Section 100.509. FAILURE TO RAISE AN ISSUE OR PROVIDE INFORMATION DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RAISING THAT ISSUE OR SUBMITTING SUCH INFORMATION IN AN APPEAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL DECISION.

The Division will consider all comments prior to making a final decision. Following the public comment period, the Division will issue a final decision and a response to comments in accordance with 6 CCR 1007-3, Section 100.511-512.

The proposed closure plan modification and summary of changes are available for review by appointment from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, located at 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Building B-2, Denver, CO 80222.

Comments and/or questions should be directed to:

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The proposed closure plan modification and summary of changes are also available for review by appointment during normal business hours at the following locations:

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